

## JEFFIE WAS NOT A SALVATION LASSIE.

Was Found on the Street and Sent to the Rescue Home in Harlem.

Her Mother Came on from Atlantic City and Wanted to Take Her Back to That Place.

GIRL STUBBORNLY REFUSED TO GO.

Ensign Palmer, of the Army, Told How She Was Cared for and Finally Persuaded to Return to Her Home.

When Mrs. Sara J. Moore, of Atlantic City, N. J., found her lost daughter, Jeffie, at the Rescue Home of the Salvation Army last week she wept for joy. But Jeffie made no secret of her regret at being found. She refused to talk to her mother and declared that she would not go back to Atlantic City.

The mother's pleadings were in vain, but when Ensign Palmer, who is the matron of the Rescue Home, made it plain to Jeffie that she could not remain she made the best of a bad bargain and went home with her mother. All this happened on Wednesday of last week.

The report came from Atlantic City yesterday that Jeffie had gone to New York, joined the Salvation Army and announced her intention of spending the remainder of her days in saving sinners.

When the officers of the Army heard this story they promptly denied it and furnished evidence to prove that Jeffie was not and never had been a member of the Army. This is how Jeffie became an inmate of the Salvation Army home.

HOW JEFFIE WAS FOUND.

A young woman accepted a band of Salvationists who were slumming in Cherry street on July 29 last. She was neatly dressed, good looking, and modest in her manner. She told them that her name was Jeffie Moore and that she came from Westchester County.

"I got in this big city to-day," she said, "and I have no place to go to and no money. I left home because my mother beat me shamefully. I came to New York to do housework. I know that you are good people. Won't you tell me what to do?"

The soldiers sent her up to the Fourteenth street headquarters. She repeated her story, pleading for shelter, and was sent to the Rescue Home at No. 130 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

Before Jeffie had been at the Rescue Home a week she had told conflicting stories about herself. One was that her mother had ill-treated her. Another was that her mother was dead. Still another was to the effect that she had no living relatives. The officials of the home decided that she was not over bright.

After she had spent three months there the matron found her a situation as a housemaid. A week later she was sent back to them with the information that she was too sick and indifferent to do the work properly. The Salvationists would not turn her out into the streets and finally decided to accept her as a steady boarder.

THE DISCOVERY IN HARLEM.

Three weeks ago the twenty-three girls at the Rescue Home attended an Army meeting held in the Harlem barracks. They were in charge of Ensign Palmer and her assistants. At that meeting was a young cadet who knows some day to become a regular member of the Army. His name is "Dash" and his people live in Atlantic City. Directly he saw Jeffie he recognized her.

In his next letter home "Dash" mentioned the fact that the girl was an inmate of the Rescue Home. His sister told Jeffie's mother and the latter wrote to Ensign Palmer about it. The Ensign promptly replied, but addressed the letter to Atlantic City, Pa. It was returned to her. Then the Ensign questioned Jeffie. The girl insisted that she had never been in Atlantic City. A week ago Wednesday Mrs. Moore came to the city and called at the home in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street. Ensign Palmer treated her, she says, as well as any mother could be treated.

THE GIRL SENT TO HER HOME.

"Why," said the Ensign last night, "I can't imagine what the report from Atlantic City means. The statement that Jeffie was a member of the Army is absurd. She never was and never could be accepted."

"I received a letter from Jeffie yesterday which made me believe that she was content to remain at home. She told how she read the Bible every morning and was trying to be good. Her mother added a postscript, stating that Jeffie seemed glad to be home again and thanking us for our good care of the girl."

GASOLINE AGAIN TO BLAME.

An Explosion and a Fine Residence at Orange Is Destroyed by Fire.

Orange, N. J., March 27.—The residence of F. W. Coolbaugh, at Walnut and Orange streets, East Orange, was almost totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. Furniture, pictures and all the household goods were burned.

Mrs. Canfield, a nurse, was using gasoline near a lamp while cleaning clothes. There was an explosion and Mrs. Canfield was terribly burned about the hands and head. Her clothes were burning when she ran screaming into the street. Mr. Coolbaugh is in the hospital supply business at No. 250 Broadway, New York. The total loss is about \$12,000, which is covered by insurance.

Did Weyer Fire the Barn?

Hackensack, N. J., March 27.—On Sunday Elmer E. Williams, of Masbrough Heights, discharged Daniel Weyer, a tramp, fifty years old, to whom he had given employment for a few days. Tuesday night Williams's two barns were burned to the ground, and late last night Weyer was found in Hasbrough Heights. He had been at the barn and had been burning it. He had been at the barn and had been burning it. He had been at the barn and had been burning it.

An Offer for the Old Coins.

River Edge, N. J., March 27.—Charles H. Kent, the boy who dug up a tin box containing thirty old coins while working on his farm near here, to-day received a letter from a New York collector of coins offering him \$1,000 for the box and contents. The young man has not yet accepted the offer.

X Rays Chapter Formed.

Elizabeth, N. J., March 27.—Mrs. E. G. Putnam and others have been instrumental in forming a chapter of the Children of the American Revolution. It is to be called the "X Rays Chapter" because it is an unknown quantity, to be developed from the latent power of childish patriotism.

## A SCHOONER CUT ADRIFT.

Lines Which Secured Her to the Dock Were Seized by a Thief, Who Stole the Ends of the Hawseers.

Stapleton, S. I., March 27.—A daring theft was committed at this place last night. The watch on board the three-masted schooner Carrie A. Norton, which is unloading ice at Beebe's dock, went on deck about midnight and discovered that the vessel was adrift. It was with great difficulty that lines were gotten to the dock and the vessel made fast.

An investigation showed that the heavy ropes with which she had been moored had been cut and the severed ends had been carried away. Policeman Sullivan discovered the missing pieces of rope this afternoon in a junkshop, where they had been sold for eighty-five cents by William Smith, a sailor on a pilot boat. Smith was arrested and was held for trial.

## FEELING AGAINST FARR.

Bayonne Church People Complain of His Treatment of the Aged Pastor, Rev. Mr. Hollis.

Bayonne, N. J., March 27.—Trouble in the congregation of St. Paul's German Lutheran Church continues. Feeling against ex-Mayor William C. Farr, leader of the faction which deposed the aged pastor, Rev. Frederick W. Hollis, is still bitter.

When Mr. Hollis was ousted it was decided to pension him until he received a call from the Lutheran Synod of Missouri. Since his retirement he has not received the promised pension. He is also minus \$1,000 of his own, which he used to liquidate the church debt.

Seven years ago the congregation erected the present church on East Twenty-fifth street. Farr took a mortgage on the property, agreeing not to charge any interest. Two years ago Farr, who for years was the ruling spirit of the congregation, became dissatisfied and began to attend services in Staten Island. He gave notice that he wanted 6 per cent interest on \$12,000, the balance due him, and the Ladies' Aid Society paid \$200 of this amount. The pastor paid the remaining \$11,800 from his own small savings.

Mr. Hollis, without salary or pension, lives on the remainder of his savings. His demand for his \$1,000 came before a meeting a short time ago, and a resolution to take on another mortgage was presented. Farr objected to it, stating that Mr. Hollis could wait until the church could pay the money. It is likely that the mortgage will be raised.

The existing dissatisfaction prevents the congregation from getting another pastor. An answer to a call extended to the Rev. Oscar O. Chicago, is expected. Rev. Mr. Key, of Staten Island, has been filling the pulpit temporarily.

## THE M. E. CONFERENCE.

The Question of Permitting Women to Be Lay Delegates Will Be Decided To-day in Newark.

Newark, N. J., March 27.—The interesting feature of to-day's session of the Methodist Episcopal Conference in St. Paul's Church was the balloting for delegates to the General Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, a few months hence. There were many candidates in the field. Rev. Dr. H. A. Buttz, President of Drew Seminary, secured 139 out of 198 votes cast on the first ballot. Four other delegates will be elected to-morrow.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society held its meeting this afternoon. Mrs. Sarah E. Drake, of Jersey City, presided, and Rev. Dr. Louis A. Banks, of Brooklyn, delivered an address on "Some American Heavens." Reports from the presiding elders of the various districts, showed a large increase in the number of communicants, an increase in the number of churches, and missions, and an increase in the finances.

The laymen held their conference in Franklin Street Church, and elected the following delegates to the General Conference: Samuel Sterling, W. H. Beach and Dr. Robert R. Doherty, of Jersey City; William H. Murphy, of Newark, and Dr. H. K. Carroll, of Plainfield.

The conference decided this morning to vote to-morrow at noon the question of admitting women as lay delegates to the General Conference at Cleveland, Ohio. The vote was decided by a narrow margin, but counted on any question unless a two-thirds vote is secured.

## REV. MR. TOY'S CONVERTS.

Success in Staten Island Is Said to Have Caused Jealousy in Other Churches.

New Brighton, S. I., March 27.—There has been considerable excitement among the various religious denominations in this village during the last few months, and the feeling between the members of the different churches has caused considerable talk. The Rev. Daniel S. Toy, who is deeply interested in the Baptist faith, is the cause of all the excitement. There are four churches here, but although the smallest of the lot, the little church of Baptist faith seems to be capturing many converts, and naturally has created a jealous feeling among members of the three other churches.

The Rev. Mr. Toy said he was called to this place through the State Missionary Society, and when he took charge of the First Baptist Church in the latter part of 1885, there were ten members; now he had fifty-five. He said he did not understand why there should be any feeling. Mr. Toy said his church had purchased lots at the corner of Hamilton and Western avenues, and would in a few years erect a handsome edifice, which would cost about \$35,000.

Distributing Unleavened Bread.

Newark, N. J., March 27.—Over two thousand pounds of unleavened bread were given away to-day to the needy Hebrews of this city, in anticipation of the opening of the Passover holiday, which begins on Saturday night, when many thousands more are waiting for the applicants to come and carry it away. There is a very large population of Hebrews in Newark, and the greater part of them are engaged in the shops and factories and in small undertakings for themselves, which have been hurt by the recent hard times.

## Gold Cast Up by the Sea.

Capte May, N. J., March 27.—Among a quantity of wreckage washed ashore at Poverty Beach and gathered by George Bell, was found a pile of gold chain buttons. It is of the workmanship of a foot long. It is of the workmanship of a foot long. It is of the workmanship of a foot long.

State Island's Smart Firemen.

West New Brighton, S. I., March 27.—A fire broke out in the residence of John S. Ward, Jr., on Douglass street, this afternoon. The fire companies responded promptly and succeeded in extinguishing it before much damage was done.

## Silver Cup Souvenirs.

To-day will be spent opening day at L. Baumann & Co.'s mammoth furniture store, at Nos. 1421 and 1423 Third avenue, and the firm will present to every visitor a souvenir in the shape of a beautiful silver cup.

This firm's reputation for fair dealing has won for them hosts of friends, and to-day they do not doubt be crowded with many customers and many who will become customers.

They certainly have a certainly handsome stock on hand, and one which cannot fail to please.

## TRIED TO BEHEAD HIMSELF.

Albert Woolsey, a Young Farmer, the Victim of Religious Mania.

Cut His Throat with a Razor and Then Hunted Up an Axe and a Chopping Block.

ASKED HIS FATHER TO HELP HIM.

The Young Man Had Accumulated a Snug Fortune, but It Is Said That the Girl He Loved Jilted Him and Married Another.

Bound Brook, N. J., March 27.—Albert Woolsey, a wealthy young farmer of Middlesex County, living with his parents two miles out of this village, made a most persistent and desperate attempt to cut off his own head yesterday morning. When he found a razor in his own hand not sufficiently strong to sever the spinal column, he handed his father an axe, placed his head on a chopping block and then treated old Mr. Woolsey to behead his own son.

Report had it that young Woolsey had been jilted by his sweetheart, one of the most winsome girls in the county, who has married a man from the city, with not half the money or half the prospect of the farmer's son. Woolsey brooded so much over his misfortune that it is supposed he became temporarily insane. The lack of mental balance seems to have taken the form of religious mania, and it is said that when the doctors asked him why he had not severed the jugular vein and been content with that, he answered that the Lord had commanded him to cut off his head.

The Woolsey family is one of the oldest and most conservative around Bound Brook. A brother of the young man, who figures in this most singular endeavor at suicide, married a daughter of McDowell Field, founder of Fieldville, and she now lives on a farm in the vicinity of the Woolsey home. Another brother is Dr. Woolsey, a dentist in Elizabeth. A sister is married to a wealthy landowner around New Brunswick.

All the members of the family are in the habit of attending church, and it is said that for Albert Woolsey's father, the young man apparently had many reasons to desire a long life. Although but thirty-five years old, he had already amassed a comfortable fortune for a farmer.

At breakfast yesterday Albert ate heartily of his breakfast, and then he went to the barn, a hundred yards or more from the house, to look after the horses. The young man carried with him a razor, and he used it to cut his throat. He then went out into the barnyard to see to the pigs.

## BODY FOUND ON THE FLOOR.

When the elder Woolsey returned to the stalls he heard groans coming from the other part of the barn. On searching he came upon the seemingly lifeless body of his son.

Young Woolsey was partially unconscious. He was lying on his back behind some wagons. The chopping-block, brought inside for the purpose of cutting the razor, was lying on the floor. The razor was lying on the floor. The razor was lying on the floor.

From an examination of these cuts the doctor afterward found that he had certainly tried to cut his head clear from his body with the razor that was found near his right hand.

It was found that the first cut started close to the backbone on the left side, and went clear across the back to the right armpit. Having finished this terrible stroke, Woolsey must have seized the razor in his left hand and taken almost as long a slash in the opposite direction. The second cut commenced near the cervical vertebrae and reached around the neck past both jugulars.

## HANDS HIS FATHER AN AXE.

Old Mr. Woolsey succeeded in getting Albert to his feet. It was then that the young man reached for the axe, and handed it to his father.

"Cut off my head," the son gasped. "The Lord has commanded me to do it."

The wounded man, half faint, half stupor, and placed his head on the chopping block. He then seized the axe and began to cut. He cut and commenced near the cervical vertebrae and reached around the neck past both jugulars.

Doctors were summoned from the village, and the young man was taken to the hospital. It was found that his wound was deep and that he was in danger of his life. He is doing well to-night and may recover.

## THE VETERAN WILL FIGHT.

An Elizabeth Democrat Means to Hold on to a Comfortable Place.

Elizabeth, N. J., March 27.—Jacob Sheppard has been clerk of the District Court here for some years. He is a Democrat and a war veteran. When Governor Briggs appointed City Attorney E. S. Atwater, a Republican, judge of the court, Sheppard announced his intention of retaining his position under the Veteran Soldier act. A bill was passed through the Legislature empowering District Court judges to appoint their own clerks.

Yesterday Judge Atwater decided to appoint James C. Calvert, when he took office on April 1. Sheppard says he will fight the case to the end. Calvert is a member of the Republican City Executive Committee and prominent in the party.

## A New Claimant for the Rig.

D. H. Meyer, of Garfield, Bergen County, yesterday called the Third Precinct Police Station, Jersey City, and claimed the horse and wagon that ex-Policeman Connell seeks to recover by suit. Connell found the rig on Newark avenue a year ago, and claims that no owner had been traced. Meyer claims that the rig was stolen from his stable on April 25, 1894.

## Police Justices' Extra Duty.

The Board of Police Commissioners of Jersey City yesterday afternoon passed a resolution that hereafter an afternoon session of court, at 2:30 p. m., shall be held by the Police Justices. The fund for the extra session of the court will be paid by the extra session of the Commissioners will save giving dinner, supper and breakfast to prisoners arrested after court has adjourned.

## Miss Hall Decides Not to Go.

Newark, N. J., March 27.—Miss Emily Hall, one of the nurses at St. Barnabas's Hospital, who has been used to accompany the scientific expedition under the command of Professor David P. Todd, of Amherst College, to Yaddo and the Japanese Islands, has finally decided not to undertake the journey.

## Trolleys Run Too Fast.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 27.—Fear that serious accidents might result, citizens of this town have signed a petition to the Brunswick Trolley Company asking that the rate of speed of trolley cars on George street be lessened. The trolley is new to New Brunswick.

## Crescent Tennis Club Dance.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 27.—One of the gayest social events of the season was the subscription dance in the Assembly Rooms of Allen. There were tonight, under the auspices of the Crescent Tennis Club, there were visitors from Trenton, Princeton, Brooklyn, New York, Plainfield, Elizabeth, Long Branch and Metuchen.

## COERCION BY THE TRUST.

Jobbers Told How They Were Treated by the American Tobacco Company.

Warned That They Must Not Sell Cigarettes Made by Any Opposition Concern.

READING OF TESTIMONY WENT ON.

Vice-Chancellor Reed Suggested That It Be Omitted, but the Opposing Counsel Could Not Come to an Agreement.

Newark, N. J., March 27.—Had a band of "Weary Willies" pitched its camp in the Chancery Court rooms here to-day it is doubtful if they could have made Vice-Chancellor Reed feel more uneasy than did the army of learned counsel in the suit of the State against the American Tobacco Company when they again announced that they would not facilitate the Vice-Chancellor's suggestion to omit the reading of the unimportant part of the 1,800 pages of testimony taken in the case during the past two years by Commissioner Walter J. Cleary.

It was the second time that the Vice-Chancellor had made the suggestion since the reading was begun yesterday, and it was the second time that it had not been accepted. This was due to the fact that Thomas M. McCarter, of counsel for the prosecution, had not heard the testimony of the driver, who could not read it before the time for argument came.

THE READING CONTINUED.

The reading of the testimony was then resumed, and the Vice-Chancellor sank back in his chair, with his eyes centred on the ceiling. His eyelids frequently drooped as though he were slumbering; then they would open wide again, and as he glanced about the room an expression would pass over his face which seemed to say: "You people weary me."

The expression on Joseph H. Choate's face was the same, but he passed much of the time in conversation with Messrs. Lindbergh and McCarter, who were occasionally, just to relieve the monotony, would pick up one of the many portraits which composed some of the exhibits in the case and study them intently.

The portraits represent prominent actresses, and were originals of miniatures which had been given to the American Tobacco Company by the artist, who had never been known as an art critic, but he seemed to take much interest in studying the pictures.

## JOBBER'S TELL THEIR STORY.

The testimony read to-day was that of jobbers and retail dealers of New York and other cities in regard to their dealings with the American Tobacco Company, and also their handling of goods of the opposition, or National Cigarette and Tobacco Company.

Asa Lemish, a New York jobber, according to his testimony, had signed a contract to handle the American Tobacco Company's goods, and continued to handle them because there was no other way of doing so. He had never been warned not to handle goods of the National Company, James O'Connell, of New York, who was a jobber, told the story of his dealings with the American Tobacco Company, and also his handling of goods of the opposition, or National Cigarette and Tobacco Company.

Herman Mandelbaum's testimony showed that he had received five thousand dollars more rebate from the American Tobacco Company than he did from the individual firms previously mentioned. He had received five thousand dollars more rebate from the American Tobacco Company than he did from the individual firms previously mentioned.

## WARNED BY TRUST AGENTS.

The testimony of Charles A. Reel, of the Monroe Cigar Company, of Rochester, N. Y., showed that he had signed a Trust contract, but when he began to handle goods of the National company he was told by the Trust agents that he must stop or his rebates would be cut off, and also his supply. He refused to be coerced, and in consequence had to stop handling the goods. He averred that agents of the Trust had threatened to sue him, and when they discovered a dealer exhibiting anti-Trust goods, he was warned to stop or his business would be ruined.

Morris Hirsch, a Brooklyn jobber, according to his testimony, was refused rebates by the American Tobacco Company because he began to handle anti-Trust cigarettes, and in consequence he had to purchase Trust goods from other jobbers or retailers at a price which cut his profits to almost nothing. He claimed that no such restrictions were in vogue previously to the formation of the Trust, and that there was no rebate but the customary 2 per cent.

## COULD NOT HANDLE OTHER GOODS.

Julius Herman, of the wholesale jobbing firm of Esberg, Bachman & Co., of New York, testified that, after signing a Trust contract with the American Tobacco Company, his firm, in May or June last year, began to handle anti-Trust cigarettes. An agent of the Trust called on the firm and notified it that the American Tobacco Company would cut off its goods unless the firm stopped handling the other goods. It had to drop the anti-Trust cigarette in order to protect itself.

John Reel, the largest tobacco dealer in Indianapolis, according to his testimony, was refused goods of the American Tobacco Company after he began to handle the anti-Trust goods. He was told to get them from various jobbers, but failed, they asserting that the Trust agents had warned every box was marked, and that it could be traced. He told to Reel that his supply would be cut off. George Wingerter, of the same city, testified to the same facts.

Just how far the Trust went to coerce dealers can be judged from the testimony of Peter Hauptmann, a St. Louis jobber. He testified that he had signed a Trust contract, but he had not time to sign any other way, had enticed ten clerks out of his store and set them up in business in the city to him. The reading of the testimony will occupy several more days.

## Elks Install New Officers.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 27.—The local lodge of Elks elected and installed the following officers last night: Exalted Ruler, George A. Viehmann; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Louis A. Voorbees; Esteemed Leading Knight, William H. Evered; Exalted Order of the Elks, Louis West; Tyler, Howard Bishop; Secretary, William F. Harkins; Treasurer, George Delmer; trustees, R. W. Booth, William Schlesinger and C. M. McLaughy.

## McKenzie's Body Recovered.

Paterson, N. J., March 27.—The body washed ashore at Passaic yesterday was identified to-day as that of William McKenzie, a resident of this city. Two months ago he jumped over the Passaic falls while intoxicated. He had beaten his wife, and fearing that he had killed her, left home and killed himself.

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## A LONELY GIRL BRIDE.

Mrs. Schwebel Compelled to Return to Her Mother's Home After Having Been Married but Six Months.

Orange, N. J., March 27.—At Orange Valley there is a desolate home and a lonely girl bride within. Just six months ago the residence of Mrs. Jacob Kohler was the scene of a wedding, the contracting parties being Mrs. Kohler, a pretty sixteen-year-old daughter and John Schwebel, a youth hardly out of his teens. The young couple had known each other from childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwebel started in house-keeping. All went well for some time, but finally it became whispered about that the young couple did not get along well together.

There was a still greater surprise in store for the friends of the young couple when, three weeks ago, it became known that the husband had forsaken his bride and left Orange Valley.

Mrs. Schwebel has been besieged by sympathizing friends. She has returned to her mother's home.

She has stayed for a time in Cummings & Matthews' hat factory, but when trade became dull he was compelled to seek employment elsewhere. Weeks passed and he then left the factory, and she has since then told his wife he was going to look for work. He left home and has not been seen since.

## HORSES HEARD THE BELL.

Had Drawn an Engine, and When the Alarm Clock Sounded, Thought They Were Going to a Fire.

New Brunswick, N. J., March 27.—Among the household goods belonging to Cecil Conover, who lived at Hiram and Dennis streets, loaded upon a truck yesterday, was a small alarm clock. The truck was drawn by two big horses belonging to Washington Engine Company, and the load was bound for Newark. Walter Sanderson, foreman of the engine company, was the driver.

The outskirts of Newark were reached it happened that the alarm clock went off. It started to ring so suddenly that it excited the driver, who could not imagine at first what was up. The horses, which had been drilled to answer fire alarms, heard the bell, too, and, thinking it an alarm, started off at a gallop, and Sanderson's efforts to stop them were useless.

As the horses entered the more thickly built up portion of Newark they encountered a fire engine on its way to a fire at Hannigan & Bonillon's dry goods store, at the corner of Broadway and Broadway street. The truck horses dashed after the engine and Sanderson was unable to stop them until the clock was stopped by the fire engine. The intelligent animals seemed anxious to remain on the scene.

## PASSED FEW NEW LAWS.

New Jersey Legislature Adjourns and Gives the People One Reason to Be Thankful.

Trenton, N. J., March 27.—Another Legislature has come and gone, and the record it leaves behind it is being made the subject of criticism, both favorable and adverse.

The legislators put a stop to the flood of useless bills with which the statute books have been encumbered in years past. The laws of 1896 will only fill a small volume of about 150 chapters, while those of 1895 were three times that volume.

A measure providing for the passage of a bill which has aroused some criticism, because of the many large items it contains, was appointed to inquire into the best means of equalizing the burden of taxation. Constitutional amendments were introduced, and the efficiency of the courts. One provided for biennial legislative sessions, and another forbids gambling in any form.

One of the evils of legislation was the multiplicity of borough laws that were passed every session. Laws were passed to stop the practice of willful neglect of taxes. The codification of the corporation laws was also accomplished. Many public improvements have been provided for, such as public libraries, armories, boulevards and streets.

## CLUBS FOR WORKING GIRLS.

Jewish Women of Newark Aiding Those of Their Race.

Newark, N. J., March 27.—The committee appointed by the Newark Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women to investigate the subject of working girls' clubs and to draw up plans for the formation of clubs for the girls of their race, made a tour of the city yesterday and visited the institutions started by Miss Grace Dodge, of New York. The committee is composed of Miss Beatrice Mayburn, Miss Sarah Marx, Miss Kussey, Miss Sencht and Miss.

Already thirty girls have given their names as prospective members of the Newark club. The committee will be organized at the council before the club is formed, and to give practical suggestions.

## MERCY FOR HER "ANGEL" BOY.

Mrs. O'Keefe Begged So Hard That the Judge Discharged Her Son.

William O'Keefe, nineteen years old, of No. 31 Filmore place, Williamsburg, who was arrested on Monday last by Special Policeman Robert T. Smith, of No. 240 South Second street, while beating his aged mother, was arraigned yesterday in the Lee Avenue Police Court for trial. When O'Keefe was arrested neighbors told the special officer that Mrs. O'Keefe was afraid to prosecute her son for fear that he would kill her.

When the prisoner was arraigned the mother was in court and begged the Magistrate not to send her boy to jail. "He is such a sweet, darling boy," sobbed Mrs. O'Keefe, "that it would kill me to see him sent to prison. I know that he speaks to me shamefully, but I love him and know that he will never do so again. Do please let the dear angel go with me and I'll promise you that he will never be here again."

The mother pleaded so hard for the release of her son that the Magistrate discharged him. Mrs